enhance the training and proficiency levels. The feasibility of few types of simulators have been tested.

Sabotage and theft at Itarsi Ordnance Factory

† 4161. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incident of sabotage and theft of equipments done in the ordnance factory situated near Itarsi in Hoshangabad district, recently on the night of 13th and 14th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far; and

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to stop such type of incidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The damage was rectified and plant operation resumed on the night of 13th June itself. An FIR was lodged with the police. A Board of Enquiry has been constituted to investigate into the incident.

(c) Security surveillance has been intensified to avoid recurrence.

Sale of Lakshya Aircraft

4162. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA'- : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the orders are not being received for Lakshya, the country's first Pilotless Target Aircraft;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has become fully functional now; and

(d) how much period it had taken to develop it fully ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is already executing orders for 'Lakshya' system for the Air Force, the Navy and the Army under a Limited Series Production. Negotiations are

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

being held with the Air Force for ten years' orders for the system. Such further requirements are planned to be executed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, based on technology transfer from DRDO.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The 'Lakshya' system has taken 14 years to develop; development of this system was successfully completed in 1994.

Rehabilitation of War Disabled

4163. SHRI P.N. SIVA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities presently available for the rehabilitation of the war disabled; and

(b) the number of disabled benefited from these schemes during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b). The war disabled who are fit for civil jobs in Central Government Departments, are eligible on priority-I for employment against Groups 'C and 'D' posts, for which, recruitment is made through the Directorate General of Employment and Training. They can also avail of the benefit of loan assistance on liberalised terms under self-employment schemes to set up tiny/small scale industries, small scale service enterprises, undertake agriculture and allied activity, set up Khadi and Village Industries in rural areas. Besides, Queen Mary Technical Institute, Pune, a private charitable institution, conducts ITI recognised vocational trades training courses for disabled ex-Servicemen to facilitate their rehabilitation. In addition, paraplegic homes at Kirkee and Mohali are being run for rehabilitation of paraplegic and tetraplegic ex-Servicemen. Disabled soldiers are also provided artificial limbs by Artificial Limbs Centres.

Monetary Benefits:—The Armed Forces personnel disabled in war or war like operations are given war injury pension at the rate of reckonable emoluments last drawn if the degree of disablement is 100% and this is proportionately reduced if the disability is less than 100%. The disabled Officers/